

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Previously Presented) A stretch edge elastic laminate, comprising:

a plurality of elastic filaments substantially aligned in a machine direction, each of the elastic filaments having a width-to-thickness ratio of less than about 2;

a first nonwoven facing material bonded to a first side of the elastic filaments to form an elastic laminate zone; and

at least one stretch edge positioned along a first lateral edge of the elastic laminate, the at least one stretch edge forming a first gasket zone, and including an elastic film or plug having a width-to-thickness ratio greater than about 5.

2. (Original) The stretch edge elastic laminate of Claim 1, further comprising a second stretch edge positioned along an opposing second lateral edge of the elastic laminate, the second stretch edge forming a second gasket zone.

3. (Original) The stretch edge elastic laminate of Claim 1, further comprising a second nonwoven facing material bonded to a second side of the elastic filaments.

4. (Original) The stretch edge elastic laminate of Claim 1, wherein the stretch edge comprises an elastic film or plug substantially aligned in the machine direction, and a lateral edge region of the facing material bonded to the elastic film or plug.

5. (Original) The stretch edge elastic laminate of Claim 4, wherein the first nonwoven facing material is attached to the elastic zone and the elastic film or plug using an elastic adhesive.

6. (Original) The stretch edge elastic laminate of Claim 4, wherein the elastic film or plug has a thickness of about 0.003 inch to about 0.015 inch.

7. (Canceled).

8. (Original) The stretch edge elastic laminate of Claim 4, wherein the elastic film or plug has a width-to-thickness ratio of at least 10.

9. (Original) The stretch edge elastic laminate of Claim 4, wherein the elastic film or plug has a width-to-thickness ratio of about 16 to about 78.

10. (Original) The stretch edge elastic laminate of Claim 1, wherein the stretch edge has a width of about 0.078 inch to about 0.236 inch.

11. (Original) The stretch edge elastic laminate of Claim 1, wherein each elastic filament has a width of about 0.011 inch to about 0.019 inch.

12. (Original) The stretch edge elastic laminate of Claim 1, wherein each elastic filament has a thickness of about 0.011 inch to about 0.019 inch.

13. (Canceled).

14. (Currently Amended) The stretch edge elastic laminate of Claim 1, wherein the first gasket zone has a tension of about 80 g to about 250 g at 90% elongation ~~of a maximum stretch~~ of the first gasket zone.

15. (Currently Amended) The stretch edge elastic laminate of Claim 1, wherein the elastic zone has a tension of at least about 40 g at 90% elongation ~~of a maximum stretch~~ of the elastic zone.

16. (Original) The stretch edge elastic laminate of Claim 1, wherein the first gasket zone has a tension at least equal to a tension of the elastic zone.

17-25. (Canceled)

26. (Previously Presented) A disposable garment comprising a stretch edge elastic laminate, the stretch edge elastic laminate comprising:

at least one elastomeric layer including a plurality of elastomeric filaments in a central region of the elastomeric layer, each of the elastomeric filaments having a width-to-thickness ratio of less than about 2 and an elastic film or plug in at

least one lateral edge region of the elastomeric layer, the elastic film or plug having a width-to-thickness ratio greater than about 5;

a first facing material bonded to a first side of the elastomeric layer; and

a second facing material bonded to a second side of the elastomeric

layer,

wherein a lateral edge of at least one elastic film or plug is aligned with a lateral edge of each of the first and second facing materials.

27. (Original) The disposable garment of Claim 26, comprising a diaper.

28. (Original) The disposable garment of Claim 26, comprising training pants.

29. (Original) The disposable garment of Claim 26, comprising swim wear.

30. (Original) The disposable garment of Claim 26, comprising absorbent underpants.

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31. (Original) The disposable garment of Claim 26, comprising
a baby wipe.

32. (Original) The disposable garment of Claim 26, comprising
an adult incontinence product.

33. (Original) The disposable garment of Claim 26, comprising
a feminine hygiene product.

34. (Original) The disposable garment of Claim 26, comprising
a protective garment.